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Finance Committee Minutes 03-01-04

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM, COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/1/04

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Feinleib*	O'Riordan	O'Neill*	Mahoney*
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons*	Morrisette*	
Tosti*	Foskett	Deyst	Ronan	
Piandes	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*		Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Chair Permanent Town Building Committee John Cole, Paul Bayer

MINUTES of 2/23/04 accepted as corrected. Unanimous.

ART 59 HARDY SCHOOL: Cole reviewed the steps taken by the PTBC to correct the high noise level (50db compared to the specified 35db) on the 3d floor coming from the air handling equipment. The school is operating w/o using this equipment. A recent redesign calls for attenuators. Cole believes these should have been in the original design. The estimated cost of retrofit is \$230k. The PTBC believes the Town should be responsible for \$50k, the cost of the additional equipment if it had been installed during the original construction. Negotiations continue. The PTBC wants to sue if an agreement can not be reached. Cole plans to go for bids soon regardless of the state of negotiations, and have the work done over the Summer, financed by the Town. The Chair endorsed this approach & requested a firm number by 3/31.

ART 60 DALLIN SCHOOL: Cole stated that the RFP will go out 3/17 w/ bids expected 4/29. The original estimated cost of \$9.2m had increased last yr to \$11m. It may be less this yr. An 18 mo schedule is planned w/ the school to reopen in 9/06.

Tosti suggested that if the RFP were delayed until July, the Governor's proposals to change the sub bid regulations and make other cost reduction changes to school building requirements might lead to a lower bid. Cole stated that the PTBC favors a Jan start since the building would then be closed in by the following winter leading to a better quality job. Tosti suggested the FinCom report might leave the actual cost figure blank, to be filled in before the vote. If the bids were delayed until July and exceeded the approved amount, a Special Town Meeting in the Fall could be called.

BUD 21a HUMAN SERVICES-ADMIN: The Library & Human Services SubCom (Franclemont) reported on this and the next 5 budgets. Patsy Kraemer plans to retire in the next few years. VOTED \$114,115 as printed. Unanimous.

BUD 21b VETERAN SERVICES: FY04 funds expected to be adequate. VOTED \$159,007 as printed. Unanimous.

BUD 21c BOARD OF HEALTH: Increased fines have improved compliance. VOTED \$171,938 as printed. Unanimous.

RECREATION EF: The department has carried out a detailed review of program costs and plans to increase fees to cover costs. However the proposed budget shows a deficit. Franclemont & Olsen to inquire.

COA TRANSPORTATION EF: VOTED to fund a deficit of \$2,649. Unanimous.

YOUTH SERVICES EF: Tosti yielded the chair to Fanning & left the room during the discussion of this article. VOTED to fund a deficit of \$169,080. Unanimous.

BUD 16 PUBLIC WORKS: The Public Works SubCom (Olsen) recommended a net budget after some corrections of \$6,929,445. Unanimous.

BUD 18b STREET LIGHTING: The Public Safety SubCom (Simmons) will inquire about whether the street light maintenance is included and why the actual costs were so much lower in FY03.

BUD 3 TOWN MANAGER: The Central Govt SubCom (Howard) recommended this budget as printed. There was discussion about the salary increases. VOTED \$330,845. Unanimous.

BUD 10 TOWN CLERK: The Central Govt SubCom (DuBois) made several corrections. VOTED \$197,481.

BUD 11 REGISTRARS: The Central Govt SubCom (DuBois) recommended restoring a position that had not been funded in FY04 on a part time basis. She will find out what the titles of the personnel should be.

COMMITTEE: The Chair plans to present the Budget & Revenue Task Force w/ a budget & w/ the deficit allocated according to the O'Neill Formula. Kneeland provided hearing dates: 3/8 School Committee; 3/10 Town Manager; 3/15 Capital Budget. No mtg on 3/3.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$388,000

Peter B Howard, Secretary, 3/2/04, Revised 3/8/04

cc Selectmen, FinCom Members , Library file, Town Manager, Town Web Site

Budget & Article Action Summary

Bud #	Date presented	Date of vote	\$	Vote	Art#	Date presented	Date of vote	\$	Vote/ assigned to
1	2/18	2/18	9995	Unanimous	15	2/9			
2					28				
3	3/1	3/1	330845	Unanimous	30	2/18	2/18	support BOS	Unanimous
4					44				
5	2/23	2/23	785101	Unanimous	45	2/2			tabled
6	2/23	2/23	549140	Unanimous	47				
7	2/23	2/23	124512	Unanimous	48				
8					49	2/2	2/3	favorable action	Unanimous
9	2/18	2/18	705026	Unanimous	50	2/2	2/3	no action	13-1
10	3/1	3/1	197481	Unanimous	51	2/2			tabled
11	3/1				52				
12	2/23	2/23	73871	Unanimous	53				
13	2/18	2/18	166919	Unanimous	54				
14	2/18	2/18	391895	Unanimous	55				
15	2/18,23	2/23	20887	Unanimous	56				
16	3/1	3/1	692944.5	Unanimous	57				
17a	2/23	2/23	302851	Unanimous	58	2/8			
17b	2/23	2/23	4330026	12-2	59	3/1			
17c					60	3/1			
17d					61	2/3			table
18a	2/23	2/23	301606	Unanimous	62				
18b	2/23,3/1			tabled	63				
19					64	2/3	2/3	favorable action	Unanimous
20					65				Raises
21a	3/1	3/1	114115	Unanimous	66				Raises
21b	3/1	3/1	139007	Unanimous	67				Raises
21c	3/1	3/1	171938	Unanimous	68				Raises
21d					69				Raises
22/23	2/23	2/23	6107184	Unanimous	70				Raises
24					71				Raises
25					72				Raises
26					73				Raises
WE					74				
Rec	3/1				75	2/3			tabled
Enk					76	2/18			tabled to end
COA	3/1	3/1	2649	Unanimous	77				
YS	3/1	3/1	169080	Unanimous	78				
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